

THE BIBLE CLASSES
OF THE
SUPERNATURAL TEACHER

SUBJECT: THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lesson: Read Luke Chapter 14 : 1 to 35.

Golden Text: Luke 14 : 33

Do you know that our Lord Jesus Christ had many brothers and sisters, all from the same earthly mother Mary and Joseph the father? If Christ had loved these more than his heavenly Father, he would not have succeeded in His Ministry. He would most probably have selected those relations as his disciples. Now take up your Bibles, open the Gospel of Matthew chapter 13 verses 54 to 58. "And when he was come into his own Country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished and said, whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is without honor, save in his own Country and in his own house. And he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

2 Who among the twelve disciples was his earthly relation? The irony is that none of his relations believed in him. Rather, they regarded him as a mad man. They did not give honour and glory to him as God. But the disciples he selected accepted and believed in him. A man who is delighted in serving

God all his life is always despised by people of the world. Are you not living examples today? Do your parents and relations not hate you because of your faith? Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us that our brothers and sisters are those that do the will of God. If people were to stop discrimination and to love one another, there would be no more problems in our land.

MAN IS SELFISH

3 A whole village contribute money to educate a person abroad, the education is carried out, this man returns to work for the interest of himself and his family alone. A man is voted to power as a member of parliament, or even to the upper house, he goes there to satisfy only his selfish interest. Do you see how men are lovers of themselves? This self-centredness is the gulf which exists between us and the will of God which is Love. Unless you put into practice the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, particularly this lecture that is given you now, your religion is vanity.

4 Right from the day Saul was converted, he abandoned his carnal life. He did not drink nor eat meat again. He kept off from marriage. Shall we now read from the book of Philipians chapter 3 : 6 to 9: "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and I do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God

by faith." If Paul did not reject all worldly things how could he have preached and practised the gospel of Christ?

APPLICATION - SURRENDER ALL TO CHRIST

5 There is no business-man nor civil servant who can refrain from sin and serve God wholeheartedly. I now refer you to the Gospel of Luke chapter 14 : 33: "So likewise, whosoever that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Turn again to Matthew chapter 10 verses 37 to 39: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

6 Since the world and the fulness thereof belong to God, to whom are you going to sell your article of trade? If you do not forsake everything and follow Christ, you can not be a true Christian. If you buy something for ten naira and sell at fifteen naira, know that you are a thief; you have cheated Christ. How can you build a house and advertise for people to rent? You label it 'house to let'. Are asking Christ to take the house on lease? Do you not see now that you are a prodigal son? Unless you are prepared to surrender everything to Christ, you can not be a good Christian. You must first surrender everything to the Father before He can give you the ability to refrain from sin. Would you now open the Gospel according to Matthew chapter 19 :21 - 24.

7 "Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that which thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying,

he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

8 At first I was a trader but my trading was not progressive. Why? I did not want to cheat anyone. When I give out goods on credit my debtors refused to pay. Since I did not sue them to court, others took the advantage to demand goods on credit in order to cheat me. Well if I were to sue them to law court I would not be a good Christian. The Bible teaches that if you have two shirts and another has none, you should give out to the needy. At God's appointed time, when I had to attend to my call, I forsook everything and followed God.

9 You must not complain about food, money, cars, houses, etc. These are all worldly things. You can not serve two masters. If you do, you are bound to love one and hate the other. Now, I have nothing to do with business, food and money. My duty is to preach and pray. You just have to surrender all things, unreservedly to God and not like Ananias who played false to the Holy Spirit.

Concentrate On God's Service Only

10 The serving of material food is not the work of God. Open to Acts of the Apostles chapter 6 verses 1 to 4.: "And in those days when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and

and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

11 The twelve apostles had no other duty than preaching. For this purpose you were called. But unless you abandon everything and follow God, you will not be able to do this work. The apostles did it day and night without let up. They had no leisure hours. The women prepared food for them while they took care of the preaching. Read Luke chapter 8 verses 1 to 3: "And it came to pass afterwards, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils. And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others which ministered unto him of their substance."

12 The service of God can be likened to a telephone operator, the operator can not leave the telephone box for any other business while on duty. If he does that, a call may come to the box during his brief absence and there would be confusion and failure on his part. Therefore the service of God requires full-time and not a part-time business yes, a devoted service indeed. You must be fully dedicated to this course before you can succeed. I am sure that portion of the Bible is now clear to you. Christ was not speaking in parable, you must forsake all things and follow him in order to succeed as a true footstep follower of Christ.

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14 There is no businessman who can completely renounce falsehood because of profit motives. How is it possible to demonstrate all the virtues of God by a business-man? That is why many people have been in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for many years without refraining from sin. Their minds are pre-occupied with the thoughts of earthly things. Read Luke chapter 14 verses 18 to 20: "And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have brought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them, I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I can not come." Those are the things obstructing you from serving your Creator God. You have time to work in your farms, offices, handle contracts and family affairs, but for the service of God, you have no time. Your

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business do not even allow you to attend the Bible Classes in order to hear the words of God which gives life.

15 With all the wealth you have acquired, do you help the poor or the less fortunate ones? Refer to the gospel of Saint Luke chapter 3 : 11;- "He answereth and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none, and he that hath meat let him do likewise." How many people have practiced this teaching? Look among the clergy of christendom, the religious dignitaries of this world, can you mention one that practices this teaching? Remember, that God keeps account of all He has given to you. As a steward of God, you have to distribute to others; it is not God's will that you monopolise things.

16 Open your Bible to Luke chapter 14 verse 24: "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." What is the meaning of these words? Men are farmers, traders, fishermen, businessmen, etc. for these reasons, they have no time for God. For example, we have fasting day on every Thursday, and those you may find there in the morning are the sick ones, unemployed, those with court cases or other serious problems. But in the evening at the close of businesses, you will see people streaming into the Chapel; and by this time I have concluded my lectures. Take note of what Luke chapter 14 : 24 says: "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Most of you come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, not to gain salvation but for material benefits, and because of this motive, your prayers are not answered. Shall we again look up St. Luke's gospel chapter 14 verses 21 to 24 : "So that servant came, and shewed his Lord these things. Then

the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house be filled. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." It is only those in great tribulation who listen to the words of God. The lame, the blind, the poor and needy, those with court cases, the afflicted and oppressed the sick ones are those who need the gospel. Nobody comes to God not until affliction overtakes him.

17 Look up 1st Corinthians chapter 3 verses 12 - 15 "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it; because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Today the world is experiencing famine and all forms of tribulations. God uses these hard conditions to draw people to Himself. God had sworn by Himself: Read Romans chapter 14 : 11 : "For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." This is the time. In support of this operation, read Matthew chapter 12 verse 29 : "Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house."

18 Today millions of people are suffering in the world. It is not surprising then that when these ones come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and are baptised their problems suddenly disappear. The Father of all creation requires exclusive devotion from you for you are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. - 1 Cor. 3 : 9.

Let those who have ears to hear, hear. May God bless His Holy Words. A-men!

THANK YOU FATHER.

LECTURE 3

SUBJECT: 'Ye Are The Temple Of God'

Lesson : Read Hebrews chapter 13 : 1 - 25.

Golden Text: Hebrews chapter 13 : 4

Brethren, if you were to practice the teachings I give to you daily, and abide in them, none of you would experience any difficulty in this life. Your problems emanate from your refusal to abide in God's righteous principles as stated in the Bible and daily brought to light by the Holy Spirit.

2 You are dead even though you think that you are alive, if you indulge in fornication and adultery, drinking, stealing and other vices. I

want you to see this light of truth. Today in the world, there are two camps pitched. One is . . . oppose to the other. One camp is filled with those who indulge in immorality and lawlessness and all loosed conduct and they live longer in this mess. But the other camp are those who practice righteousness and God does not allow them to remain here for a long time but they are transferred to enjoy themselves and rest from their labors. Of what benefit is it, for a person to have good health and wealth of this world, yet, he is a thief, immoral and lawless fellow. He is notorious.

3 Our Lord Jesus Christ lived for thirty three and half years on earth, very short time, but today mankind are longing to see him. Why because of meritorious works and now he is living eternally. God has the control of life and death. God makes one to exist and causes one not to exist. You suffer because you commit sin, because the wages of sin is death, that is why you die. It is false to say that Satan is the one that takes away life, if Satan has such power, can he also say a word and the dead one come to life or the sick one recovers? Of course not.

4 You must understand that whatever God opens no one can close and whatever God closes, it remains closed. Can you not see the patience of God regarding man? God has the power to destroy this world now because of wickedness, but He is longsuffering towards you all. As you see me standing before you, I am seen everywhere at this moment. With God all things are possible. If you were to believe that you are the temple of God and that God dwells in you, you would purify yourselves and refrain from every bit of sin in order to meet His good pleasure. If you say you are the children of God and you indulge in fornication and stealing, have you not disgraced